

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for the South River and Christians Creek in Augusta and Rockingham Counties. The Upper South River, South River and Christians Creek were originally listed as impaired in the 2004, 2009 and 2002 303d Reports respectively. All streams were listed for violations of the water quality standard for bacteria and the general aquatic life (benthic) standard. TMDLs for bacteria and sediment were developed to address the bacterial impairments in all streams. A TMDL for phosphorus was also developed for the South River only. These TMDLs were approved by EPA on August 10, 2004 for the Upper South River, December 3, 2009 for the South River, and May 31, 2002 for Christians Creek and are available on DEQ's website at <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/TMDLDataSearch/ReportSearch.aspx>.

§62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts.

DEQ and DCR will hold a final public meeting on **Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** to inform the public of the IP development and to solicit comments on the draft document. The meeting will be held in the Waynesboro City Council Chambers at 503 W. Main Street, Waynesboro.

The draft Implementation Plan will be available for review on the web no later than October 20, 2010 at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/iprpts.html>. The public comment period for this final public meeting will end on **Friday, November 19, 2010**. Questions or information requests should be addressed to

Nesha McRae, DCR. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Nesha McRae, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 44 Sangers Lane, Suite 102, Staunton, VA 24401, telephone (540) 332-9238, or e-mail [nesha.mcrae@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:nesha.mcrae@dcr.virginia.gov).